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LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to tackle the problems coming in the way of agricultural expansion services like lack of access to fields, lack of knowledge of market and its functioning and expertise and skill related to that;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to promote private agricultural training to farmers;

(c) if so, the details of private companies proposed to be included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): In order to address the key constraints faced by Extension System in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms" is currently in operation in 591 districts of the country. The scheme provides fillip to major extension reforms including involvement of multi-agency extension service providers and has provision for spending minimum 10% of allocation for district level recurring activities in Public-private partnership (PPP) mode. However, the Work Plan for participation of Non-Governmental Sector is firmed up at the State level.Therefore, only the State Government shall consider any proposals for inclusion of non-governmental entities.

(d): Not Applicable.